Deputy President.—The question is that the title and preamble stand part of the Bill.

THE COCHIN INCOME-TAX ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Income-tax Act VIII of 1108, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preamble.

Title and preamble were put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried

The Cochin Village Panchayat Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I rise to introduce the Cochin Village Panchayat Act Amendment Bill. This is a very simple Bill. The following resolution was passed at the Panchayat Conference and this Bill is intended to give effect to that resolution:—ഓരോ ഗ്രൂപ്പ് പഞ്ചായത്തുകോർട്ടിലെ അധികാരാതിത്തിയിൽപെട്ട പഞ്ചായത്തുകളിലെ മെമ്പർമാരുടെ കാലാവധി ഓരോസമയത്തു അവസാനിക്കുത്തക്കവണ്ണം നിയമത്തിൽ വേണ്ട ഭേദഗതിചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനോടു ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യുന്നു". This was a unanimous resolution passed at their conference and this Bill only intends to confer power upon the Government to bring that resolution into effect. The operative portion of the Act is only this.—"and provided also that the Government may in special cases terminate or extend at any time by notification in the Government Gazette the term of the members of any Village Panchayat". As Hon'ble Members are aware according to the Schedule attached to Act XXXIII of 1111 the elections have to be conducted in certain particular months and the retirements take place in different months. Now these Panchayats have been given judicial powers also. It is rather awkward for such things to happen. This provision is required only in the initial stages. After some time this section will become inoperative, because these Panchayat members will simultaneously come and go.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*—Are they elected for a certain period?

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Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer)*.—Suppose there are 3 Panchayats constituting a Group Panchayat. This is only to bring about unanimity in retirement.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—To give effect to that resolution I do not think that section 7 A(6) is absolutely necessary.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer)*.—That is one way of doing it. Then the Government will have to extend the term in all cases, where without much difficulty you can adjust the elections. But in the other case no extension is necessary. Both ways it can be done. I move that the Bill be read in Council.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is "the Cochin Village Panchayat Act (Amendment) Bill".

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(GovernmentAdvocate and Law Officer)*.—I move that the Bill may be taken up for consideration after suspending Standing Order No. 32.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—I second it.

Deputy President.—The standing order is suspended.

Motion was put and carried.

Deputy President.—The question is that sections 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill.

Amendment to section 7 of Act V of 1089, as amended up-to-date.

2. In section 7 of the Cochin Village Panchayat Act, V of 1089, as amended up-to-date, delete the full stop at the end and add the following:—

"and provided also that the Government may, in special cases, terminate or extend at any time by notification in the Government Gazette the term of the members of any Village Panchayat".

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3. After section 7 A (5) of the Cochin Village Panchayat Act, V of 1089, as amended up-to-date, the following section shall be inserted:—

Insertion of a new section in Act V of 1089, as amended up-to-date.

"7 A (6). The Government may, by notification in the Government Gazette, alter whenever they consider necessary the months noted in columns 3 and 4 of the Schedule annexed for the purposes of sections 7 A (1) and (2)".

Sections 2 and 3 were put and carried.

Deputy President.—The question is that section 1 stand part of the Bill.

1. This Act may be called the Cochin Village Panchayat (Amendment) Act. of 1113, and it shall come into force at once.

Short title and commencement.

Deputy President.—The question is that the Title and Preamble stand part of the Bill.

THE COCHIN VILLAGE PANCHAYAT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Village Panchaya Act, V of 1089, as amended up-to-date; it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preamble.

Title and preamble were put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I move that the Bill may be taken up and passed tomorrow.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Debt Conciliation Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I rise to introduce the Cochin Debt Conciliation Act Amendment Bill. This is of course not a controversial measure. Hon'ble Members are aware that under the Debt Conciliation Act all the debts except Government dues are capable of being

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